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FOLLOWING ROAD INFORMATION IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE:

A. A NEW BY-PASS ROAD IS OBSERVED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AROUND A SECTION OF ROUTE 911 AND CONSISTS OF INITIAL CLEARING OPERATIONS. THE BY-PASS ROAD EXTENDS GENERALLY SOUTH FROM ROUTE 911 AT 1701N 10557E (UTM XD026828), 1.3 NM SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION OF ROUTE 911 AND 912, TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 1658N 10557E (UTM XD026765), A POINT 0.4 NM FROM A REJOINING WITH ROUTE 911. THIS NEW BY-PASS ROAD WHEN COMPLETED WILL REDUCE THE DISTANCE ON ROUTE 911 BY APPROXIMATELY 4.5 NM AND WILL BY-PASS A SECTION OF ROUTE 911 WHICH HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO AIRSTRIKES AND IS UNSERVICEABLE AT UTM WD977818 (BB).

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B. A NEW BY-PASS ROAD IS OBSERVED EXTENDING SOUTH FROM A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY-PASS ROAD (SEE REF, ITEM D) WHICH BY-PASSED THE BAN PAKPHANANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE (1723N 10544E) ON ROUTE 23. THE NEW BY-PASS ROAD EXTENDS GENERALLY SOUTH AT 1723N 10544E (UTM WE784226); THEN SOUTHWEST, FORDING THE NAM PHANANG (RIVER) AT UTM WE783209; AND THEN JUNCTIONING WITH ROUTE 23 AT 1722N 10543E (UTM WE770202) (BB).

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C. A PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED BUT UNREPORTED BY-PASS ROAD ALSO IN THE BAN PAKPHANANG AREA IS OBSERVED TO EXTEND WEST FROM ROUTE 23 AT 1724N 10544E (UTM WE787254) TO 1724N 10545E (UTM WE805251); THEN SOUTH FORDING THE SE BANG FAI (RIVER) AT UTM WE806242 (THE FORD IS NOW UNSERVICEABLE DUE TO RECENT AIR-STRIKES); AND THEN WEST TO ITS JUNCTION WITH A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY-PASS ROAD (SEE REF, ITEM D) AT 1723N 10544E (UTM WE702235) (BB).

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D. THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE RIVER CROSSING ON ROUTE 23 AND ON THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ROUTE 23 BY-PASSES (REF) IN THE BAN PAKPHANANG AREA IS AS FOLLOWS: FORMER BRIDGE/FORD AT 1726N 10542E (UTM WE752276) - UNSERVICEABLE; CONSTRUCTION FORD AT 1724N 10543E (UTM WE770252) - SERVICEABLE; FORMER BRIDGE AT

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1723N 10544E (UTM WE782237) - UNSERVICEABLE; FERRY CROSSING AT
1723N 10544E (UTM WE792237) - SERVICEABLE; AND THE FORMER
CAMOUFLAGED BRIDGE AT 1723N 10544E (UTM WE782227) HAS BEEN
REPLACED BY A FORD-SERVICEABLE (BB).

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